

Specific Licences for Producing Export-Oriented Goods

4790. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of companies which have been given licences for the purpose of producing specific export-oriented goods are engaged in the production of other goods for which specific licences have not been given to them and export the same to foreign countries to the detriment of local markets;

(b) if so, the details of those companies as also the percentage of exports made by them during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Industrial units set up under the 100% Export Oriented Scheme are allowed to manufacture items specifically endorsed on their Licence. Government have also allowed broad-banding facilities for facilitating flexibility in production to ensure economic viability of the units and also to suit market conditions.

Manufacturing activities of 100% export oriented units are bonded and under the control and supervision of custom authorities.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above, and in the absence of a specific allegation do not arise.

Export of Fish and Prawn

4791. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the States from where fish and prawn are exported;

(b) the quantity and value in foreign exchange, of fish and prawn export during each of the last three years, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase their export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) Fish and prawn are exported from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu West Bengal and from Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Pondicherry and Lakshdweep.

(b) Country-wise export of marine products in the last three years is given in enclosed Statement.

(c) Government proposes to follow the following five pronged strategy to increase the export earnings from marine products;

i) stepping up export production by development of capture fishery;

ii) stepping up production by culture fisheries:

a) by increasing per ha yield from shrimp farms;

b) bringing more area under production of shrimp by culture; and

c) by developing production of other exportable items.